

**Barrie and the Reporters.**  
James M. Barrie, the novelist, has no patience with reporters who try to pry into his private affairs. On one occasion he was asked to pen a short autobiography. At first he refused and then, when the reporter began to coax him, he stopped him, took up his pen and wrote as follows: "On arrival in London it was Mr. Barrie's first object to make a collection of choice cigars. Though the author of 'My Lady Nicotine' does not himself smoke, his grocer's message boy does. Mr. Barrie's pet animal is the whale. He feeds it on ripe chestnuts."

**Painted by Gaslight.**  
Some of Solomon J. Solomon's most attractive pictures have been made by gaslight. He has accustomed himself to artificial light, and the Academician considers that every artist should do so, especially in London, where it so often happens that the sun ceases to shine for days at a stretch. The portrait of Mr. Zangwill, one of his most successful pictures, was painted in less than six hours.

**Probably the Largest.**  
The largest plow in the world, perhaps, is owned by Richard Gird, of San Bernardino, Cal. This immense south-turner stands 18 feet high, and weighs 36,000 pounds. It runs by steam, is provided with 12 12-inch plowshares, and is capable of plowing 50 acres of land daily. It consumes from one to 1 1/2 tons of coal per day, and usually travels at the rate of four miles an hour.

**Stewed Oysters.**  
Put a quart of oysters on the fire in their own liquor. The moment they begin to boil, skim them out, and add to the liquor a half pint of hot cream, salt, and cayenne pepper to taste. Skim it well, take it off the fire, add to the oysters an ounce and a half of butter broken into small pieces. Serve immediately.—Good Housekeeper.

**Bat-Shaped Kites.**  
The bat-shaped kite invented by S. F. Cody, F. R. M. S., has been adopted by the British admiralty. The kite is made from bamboo and silk and will carry a man. It may be used for reconnoitering on land or sea, and will be able to haul a sledge over Arctic ice with but one man to steer it.

**Kerosene for Porcelain.**  
Nothing equals kerosene for cleaning porcelain bathtubs. The ugly black streak around the sides that requires such vigorous rubbing when only soap and water is used disappears as by magic when wiped with a soft cloth moistened with kerosene.

**Salmon Toast.**  
A delicious breakfast may be made by heating a cupful of thin cream to which has been added one spoonful butter and a little salt. Stir into this one can salmon picked up fine, pour over toasted bread and eat while very hot.—Farm and Home.

**For Pains in the Back.**  
An excellent remedy for pains in the back of the neck or side, the result of being exposed to draft, is a plaster composed of vaseline and mustard, two parts of the first to one of the latter. Mix and spread on a piece of muslin, applying in the affected region.

**Costly Dress.**  
The most costly dress in Mme. Sarah Bernhardt's wardrobe is one of ivory satin, lavishly adorned with diamonds and turquoises and with a train lined with the fur of 200 ermines. Apart from the jewels the dress is worth \$7,500.

**A Woman's Tongue.**  
Woman's tongue has been the subject of animadversion ever since men began to rush into print. Yet common humanity would allow every creature one weapon of defense.—N. Y. Times.

**First Money Earned.**  
The first money earned is like the first kiss of love, which carries one in an ecstasy of happiness to the portals of Heaven. A second installment is never the same.—N. Y. Times.

**Her "No."**  
A woman's "no" is often seriously meant; but if the man's persistency be delightful, her "nay" will fade away like the mist before the sun.—N. Y. Times.

**Ridicule.**  
Ridicule is most impatiently endured from one's own family. It is because they echo one's innermost convictions?—N. Y. Times.

**Ideals.**  
Model your character and conduct on the best lines; then try to live up to the ideal.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Wages of Street Car Men.**  
Wages paid street car men in the United States annually amount to more than \$88,000,000.

**Had Low Forehead.**  
Kant, Germany's greatest philosopher, had a large head, but an unusually low forehead.

**Well Supplied.**  
Sir Henry Irving is said to have no fewer than 60 pairs of eye glasses and spectacles.

**Water-Lily as Food.**  
The water lily is largely used in some parts of India by the natives as food.

**A Shallow Man.**  
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**One Way of Doing It.**  
From Paris comes an amusing bit of information. In order to look one's prettiest it is, of course, essential to have a curl or two on the forehead. It has been found difficult to achieve this when motoring, but the Parisienne overcomes the difficulty with great success by providing herself with detachable curls and fixing them securely to her hat, which in its turn is held in place by a motoring veil tied under her chin.

**A Good Motto.**  
It would be difficult to find in the story of Sir Henry Stanley's adventurous life a more characteristic trait of the man than the answer he gave to his first employer when asked what he could do. "Anything," came the prompt and confident reply, "that a boy of my age and strength could be expected to do." This saying might well have been adopted as the explorer's life motto.

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**Pa Was to Blame.**  
"Jane, why don't you stay at home evenings, instead of walking around with that young man?"  
"It's all his fault."  
"Your pa's fault? Why?"  
"He insisted on lighting the house with electricity, and you can't turn electricity down."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Their Numbers Are Increasing.**  
Of women sanitary inspectors there are over 40 in England and Wales, six in Scotland, and five in Ireland, about 140 women being engaged in various kinds of sanitary work. Under the home office there are seven lady factory inspectors, four under the local government board and five under the L. C. C.

**Very Different.**  
"Women are very different from men."  
"Of course, they are, but what difference do you wish to specify?"  
"Men become members of 'ancient' orders of this and that and the other, but women must join the very newest organizations."—Detroit Free Press.

**To Clean Glass.**  
Wash windows, mirrors, glass over pictures, etc., with water as hot as can be used, containing a few drops of ammonia. Polish at once with a dry linen towel. They will shine and keep clean longer than when washed with soap.—Farm and Home.

**Imperial Woman.**  
The robes of an empress will not make a woman look imperial unless she has an imperial soul, and an imperial nature would impart something of its own dignity, in the eye of the discerning, even to the garb of a beggar.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**Not All Hard.**  
"I tell you, the price of anthracite these days makes it come hard to the coal buyer."  
"Yes, but it doesn't make it come hard to the coal cellar. Sometimes it is mixed with bituminous."—Philadelphia Press.

**A Late Repentance.**  
"Madam," said the leader of the brigands, "we'll have to hold you until your husband ransoms you."  
"Alas!" replied the woman. "I wish I'd treated him a little better."—New Yorker.

**Care of Butter Molds.**  
Butter molds and the little wooden paddles used for making butter balls should be scrubbed with a brush, rinsed thoroughly and kept in the refrigerator when not in use.

**Ancient Greek Statue.**  
A large and very perfect statue of the best period has been found at Samos, where excavations are still going on at the famous temple of the goddess Hera.

**Escaped.**  
"Is he a poet? He looks it."  
"I think he has been indicted on the charge, but never convicted."—Town Topics.

**Enforced Economy.**  
A man thinks he is practicing economy when he denies himself something he can't raise the money to buy.

**Use a Fork.**  
If a fork be used in blending water and flour for thickening purposes, as for gravy, the mixture will not lump.

**All Want to Command.**  
How few people there are who are willing to be private.—Washington (Ia.) Democrat.

**To Cure Hiccoughs.**  
Hiccough can be stopped at once by eating a lump of sugar saturated with vinegar.

**To Clean Mirrors.**  
Mirrors are best washed with warm water to which a little turpentine has been added.

**Robe Himself.**  
A man robs himself if he does not make the best of his time.—Chicago Daily News.

**Hope and Hesitate.**  
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Wm. Brooks, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Edith Brooks, Defendant.  
At this 23rd day of November, 1903, comes the plaintiff herein by his attorney, H. M. Dungan, being personally served with a writ of habeas corpus, and files his petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that Defendant, Edith Brooks, is not a resident of the State of Missouri.  
Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk, that said Defendant be notified by publication that Plaintiff has commenced a suit against her in this court the object and general nature of which is that plaintiff seeks to be divorced from the bonds of matrimony contracted with the defendant on the 4th day of March, 1901, on the grounds of abandonment and adultery; and that unless the said Defendant, Edith Brooks, be and appear at said court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Oregon, in said county, on the 4th day of January next, and on the first day of said term answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.  
And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Holt County Sentinel, for four successive weeks, the last insertion to be at least five days before the said 4th day of January next.  
GEO. W. HOGREFE, Circuit Clerk.  
A true copy given and the seal of the Circuit Court of Holt County, this 23rd day of November, 1903.  
GEO. W. HOGREFE, Circuit Clerk.

**Sheriff's Sale.**  
By virtue and authority of a special execution, issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Holt County, Missouri, returnable at the January term, 1904, of said court, and to me directed in favor of the State of Missouri and against Albert E. Fish, I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest and claim of the said Albert E. Fish, of, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:  
The west half of the northwest, northwest section 34, township 63, range 40, All lying and being in said county of Holt and State of Missouri, and I will on  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1904, between the hours of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the court house door, in the city of Oregon, County of Holt, aforesaid, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, (subject to all prior liens and judgments,) to satisfy said execution and costs.  
JAN. A. WILLIAMS, Sheriff of Holt County.

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By virtue and authority of a special execution, issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Holt County, Missouri, returnable at the January term, 1904, of said court, and to me directed in favor of the State of Missouri and against Anna Dorothea Schlott-hauer, et al. I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest and claim of the said Anna Dorothea Schlott-hauer, et al., of, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:  
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